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SUBJECT: SOVIETS RESPOND PUBLICLY TO ALLIED DEMARCHE ON HUEBNER

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN HAS RESPONDED PUBLICLY
TO ALLIED PRESENTATION ON NICO HUEBNER DELIVERED YESTERDAY
(27 JULY) BY CHAIRMAN (BRITISH ACTING) POLAD (REFTEL).
ACCORDING TO GERMAN NEWS AGENCY (DPA) SOVIET EMBASSY SPOKESMAN
REBUFFED THE POSITION OF THE WESTERN ALLIES REGARDING THE DE-
MILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN AS A WHOLE. DPA QUOTES SOVIET
PRESS SPOKESMAN AS SAYING "IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLISHED
STATEMENTS ABOUT A 'PROTEST' BY THE MILITARY ADMINISTRATION
OF THR THREE POWERS IN WESTBERLIN ISSUED TO THE WEST BERLIN
PRESS ON THE OCCASION OF THE SENTENCING OF A CERTAIN N. HUEBNER
BY A COURT IN THE GDR, THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR IN THE GDR
CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT
THAT THE EFFORT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WESTERN
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MILITARY ADMINISTRATION TO DELIVER SUCH A DEMARCHE HAS
BEEN DECISIVELY AND CATEGORICALLY REFUSED."

2. ACCORDING TO ADN, THE SOVIET EMBASSY ALSO CALLED
ATTENTION TO THE "IMPROPRIETY OF THE WESTERN SIDE" TO
"INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE GDR" WHICH WAS
MERELY SEEKING TO EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGN POWER IN ITS

OWN TERRITORY. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORT, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD REFUSED TO DISCUSS WITH "THE WESTERN MILITARY ADMINISTRATION" ANY QUESTIONS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE GDR. THE SOVIETS REPEATED THEIR CONTENTION THAT THE RIGHTS AND COMPETENCE OF THE ALLIES ARE RESTRICTED ONLY TO WEST BERLIN.

3. IT IS UNUSUALL FOR THE SOVIETS TO RESPOND SO QUICKLY AND IN PUBLIC TO AN ALLIED DEMARCHE. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT ONE MOTIVATING FACTOR WAS THE ALLIED DECISION TO MAKE PUBLIC THE FACT THAT WE HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF DEMILITARIZATION OF EAST BERLIN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SENTENCING OF HUEBNER. THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE.

4. COMMENT: WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED IN CONTINUING OR ESCALATING A PRESS DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT, THE CAIRMAN (BRITISH) PRESS SPOKESMAN, IF ASKED, WILL RESTRICT HIMSELF TO A STATEMENT THAT OUR POSITION IS CLEARLY KNOWN AND THAT THE SOVIETS ARE WELL AWARE OF THAT POSITION. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE LET THE MATTER REST AT THAT. GEORGE

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